(c) in the last few years, so many such persons may have laid down arms and joined the social mainstream; and

(d) how many of these persons have actually been given jobs in Central Government departments through some specialized schemes, State-wise details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The State of Jammu & Kashmir, North-Eastern States and most of the naxal affected States have surrender and rehabilitation policies in place for surrenderee militants/naxalities. The Central Government also reimburses to these States expenditure incurred by them on rehabilitation of such surrenderees under the Security related Expenditure (SRE) Schemes operative in these States.

(c) As per available information, more than 9000 militants/naxalites have surrendered in J&K, North-Eastern States and in the naxal affected States during the period 2003-2005.

(d) As per available reports, 973 surrenderee militants in J&K and 693 in Assam have so far been recruited by the Central Para Military Forces.

Upgradation of Foreign Registration Offices

3410. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to upgrade all offices of the Foreigners Registration Offices all over the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are delay and lack of response from such offices;

(c) in what way would Government improve matters so that foreigners working in India or seeking work permits or tourists wanting to extend their stays have less bureaucratic hurdles and delays; and

(d) the steps proposed to immediately effect some changes to improve efficiency in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Due to increase in the number of foreigners visiting India, there has been corresponding increase in the number of foreigners seeking visa related services like registration, extension and conversion. In order to cope up with this, powers have been delegated to Foreigners Regional Registration Officers (FRROs) and State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

Besides Visa Facilitation Centre in Ministry of Home Affairs, five FRROs situated in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Amritsar cater to the requirements of majority of foreigners. These offices have been computerized to improve delivery system.

Further, States/UTs have been advised to direct Foreigners Registration Officers (FROs), who are Superintendents of Police of concerned districts/ Officers designated by States/UTs in Police Commissionerates to deal with foreigners' matters expeditiously.

However, due to mandatory requirement of security verification, specially with regard to regularization of overstay, delay cannot be ruled out.

Aerial survey to check naxal activities in Chhattisgarh

†3411. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to undertake any aerial survey to check the increasing naxalite activities in Chhattisgarh;

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